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STRIKE! ALL OUT! STAND FIRM!

Fight to Elect 5 Militants From Your Local

Leader of M.W.I.U.
San Pedro Strikers
Cheer Roy Hudson,

2000 AT BIG MASS MEETING
APPLAUD FAKERS EXPOSE
—WANT GENERAL STRIKE

SAN PEDRO, Calif., July 11.—Roy Hudson, National Secretary of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, received a tremendous ovation in San Pedro last night from the two thousand striking seamen and longshoremen who assembled in the Boxing Stadium to hear his report on strike conditions in the north.

With tremendous power Hudson showed the strength of rank and file control in the north where neither Scharenberg, Ryan, Furuseth, nor Merriam and the National Guardsmen can reach the solid ranks of the workers.

Proof after proof of Ryan's attempt to sell-out the strike was given to the strikers. The maneuvers of the capitalists in Toledo, in Detroit, in the mine strike, in the impending steel strike, all have been against the strikers in desperate attempts to destroy the fighting power of the workers. All have been smashed and will be smashed until the strike ends in victory for the working class," Hudson said.

Hudson also reported the condition of the east coast and reiterated the demands for calling a General Strike in Los Angeles in support of the marine strike. He commended the Communist Party for its work in the strike and in work in support of the General Strike call as "the only political party to give its entire support, whose advice was both necessary and correct."

Hudson's oration lasted several minutes when he finished speaking. Announcement that the Fishermen's & Cannery Workers Industrial Union was ready to answer the strike call was greeted with a tremendous cheer.

Secretary of the M.W.I.U. local in San Pedro acted as chairman.

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**L. A. Labor Council
Refuses to Act for
a General Strike**

DENY THE SEAMEN'S UNIONS
COMMITTEE ADMITTANCE.
ONLY PLEDGE FINANCE.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 12.—Refusing admittance to 4 striking seamen who sought to present a call for a general strike, the AF of L fakers from the Central Trades and Labor Council here in a special conference yesterday ignored the strike sentiment and confined themselves to pledging "moral and financial" support to the striking longshoremen.

The strikers' delegation presented credentials signed by the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, the Marine Cooks & Stewards, the Masters Mates & Pilots, and the rank and file committee of the IILA and ISU.

Approximately 85 business agents of AF of L locals, together with officials of the Central Trades and Labor Council, were present. Most of them refused even to mention the general strike. Walton from the Typographical Union spoke against it. Others spoke disparagingly about "the time is not right for strike" and "the strike would be a failure," etc.

Ridiculous suggestions were put forward by other fakers. One suggested a "buying strike" during which union members would buy only the necessities of life. Another suggested that every union member wear overalls as a protest gesture until the marine strike is settled.

In spite of their talk about helping the strike "morally and financially" the 85 well-fed business agents and other fakers present contributed only \$64. They recommended that every working union member assess himself 25c a week for the strike.

WORKERS OF THE WEST!!

TRADE UNIONISTS! UNORGANIZED WORKERS! LABOR'S SYMPATHIZERS!

This is a great day for Labor. Today we show that we will not be silent while our fellow workers are, one section at a time, broken by the bosses. All workers of the West Coast should FOLLOW FRISCO and STRIKE IN UNITED RANKS. A GENERAL STRIKE of the entire West Coast will once and for all establish the rights of the workingman.

This is a fight to victory! We must make it a strong fight. Here are some suggestions:

1.—FIGHT FOR RANK AND FILE CONTROL.

The Central Labor Council in San Francisco put a phony one over on us when they ordered the local unions, on ONE DAY'S notice, to appoint 5 members each to constitute the CENTRAL GENERAL STRIKE COMMITTEE. The old-time officials mostly appointed reactionary elements who supported Vandeleur, Deal & Co. This crowd fought the strike from the first—naturally they accepted the nominations only in order to disorganize the strike and lose it. Vandeleur had the gall to appoint McLaughlin on the Strike Committee although only a few minutes previous McLaughlin had been booed down while making an attack on the Strike movement and on the militants. The Teamsters' delegates violated the men's instruction and voted against the strike. INSIST ON ELECTING THE FIVE IN YOUR OWN LOCAL. ELECT LIVE WIRES—ESPECIALLY MILITANT FIGHTERS. The Vandeleur-Deal-Kidwell leadership is the sell-out crowd. You can remove them and elect militant leaders only through electing militant representatives from your local.

2.—NO PASSIVITY. This strike is the biggest fight in the labor movement. It is not a vacation. Everyone must be a soldier in labor's ranks. Stick to your work on the picket lines, and in the committees.

3.—ROOSEVELT MAY COME HERE. Whether he personally comes, or his National Longshoremen's Board asks again, DON'T YIELD TO ARBITRATION. There is only one way to win this strike—that is, to make it unprofitable for the bosses. When they find that they cannot bully us into submission they will grant the demands.

4.—SPREAD THE STRIKE. Send committees to other towns in Northern California. East Bay is coming out, Contra Costa is preparing to come out. Keep on spreading the strike. Reach into every shop and place of work in the city and help the workers join the strike.

5.—UNORGANIZED — ORGANIZED! Form strike committee in your shops. Get in touch with the Western Worker, 37 Grove St., or the Trade Union Unity League at 741 Valencia St., or the Central Strike Committee at the Labor Temple. The independent unions affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League have not been seated by the Central General Strike Committee. These will soon be formed into a center of their own to support the strike. All must however fight for admission into the Central General Strike Committee so that more effective unity can be maintained among all workers.

6.—A GENERAL STRIKE SHOULD STOP PROFITS, BUT SHOULD NOT MAKE THE WORKERS AND THE POOR SUFFER. Organize committees to fight profiteering, to ensure proper food supply to the needy and to spread the strike.

7.—MAKE SAN FRANCISCO AND BAY AREA 100 PER CENT UNION. This is our chance to organize everybody into trade unions. EVERY TOWN A MILITANT UNION TOWN. No worker must stay unorganized.

8.—BEWARE OF PROVOCATIONS! The police and armed thugs will try to provoke bloody attacks. Stand firm and disciplined against them. Stool-pigeons may appear and under the pretense of wanting to help the strike urge you to use dynamite and other explosives. Beware of such elements! Fight in disciplined mass ranks. Report suspicious advice to your picket captains and union officers in the Central and local Union Strike Committees. Beware of people who want you to fight Communists or workers of any other belief. Stick together. No splitting. One common enemy—the bosses!

There is a sentiment amongst many workers to the effect that they recognize that only the Militants and the Communists are giving proper and honest leadership to this struggle. But many workers think that this is not an opportune time to line up with the Communist Party. This is a mistaken idea. You can strengthen this strike and win through strengthening the ranks of the Militant workers, especially by JOINING THE COMMUNIST PARTY. Make the militant sentiment more effective through better organization. You can do this by joining the Communist Party. Because our Party is under constant attack we take measures when necessary to protect our members from becoming known. Therefore don't hesitate to join on this account. Come in and talk it over with us.

EVERYBODY—PUT YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL! BREAK THE SHIPOWNERS DICTATORSHIP IN SAN FRANCISCO! LET'S FIGHT ON TO VICTORY!

—DISTRICT COMMITTEE
COMMUNIST PARTY.

STRIKERS WILL REJECT MOVE TO ARBITRATE

Roosevelt Reported
on Way to S. F.
to Make Try
Personally

STRIKERS!

All locals are to meet and elect five delegates to the General Strike Committee, which meets at the Labor Temple at 10 a. m. Monday.

Elect rank and file workers, not paid officials. This is the only way to insure rank and file control and that the strike will not be sold out.

Independent Unions! Unorganized and workers on SERA projects! Get in touch with the Western Worker office at 37 Grove St., or Trade Union Unity League at 741 Valencia St. A meeting place and organizational assistance will be provided.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 15.—The most far-reaching general strike the United States ever saw, begins in San Francisco Monday at 8:00 a. m. Not a single establishment in the city will move, not a street car, bus, taxi or truck—everything will be at a standstill—no one is to work!

The call for a general strike was issued at a conference of five delegates from each local union, held on Saturday at the Labor Temple. There were only three dissenting votes against a strike. But even these were of unions which had either already struck or voted to come out any way. The Oakland General Strike is scheduled to begin Tuesday at 8:00 a. m. and Contra Costa is certain to follow.

WHEN THE STRIKE TAKES
COMPLETE EFFECT AT LEAST
125,000 WORKERS WILL BE
OUT!

In the meantime comes the report that Roosevelt instead of going to Hawaii is on his way to San Francisco to intervene personally and is expected on Tuesday morning. It is quite certain that he will try to convince the striking marine workers to accept arbitration, as his Board headed by Archbishop Hanna was working under his direct guidance and instructions. But with the General Strike taking such a complete hold, the longshoremen are determined more than ever to hold out for their own hiring hall and settlement for the seamen as well, before they return.

Market Street
Railway Out.

Long before the strike is to take effect, thousands threw down their tools and walked out. Among those to decide to come out irrespective of the Labor Council action are the Market Street Ry. workers. They came out 100% on Sunday at 2:00 a. m. and not a numbered car was running on Sunday. The workers presented demands of their own and have dealt a decisive blow to the company union which held them in subjection until recently.

President Kahn of the company stated previously that "only 50% of the workers belong to Local 1004. THE MUNICIPAL RAILWAY WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN ALTHO VANDERLEUR IS DOING EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO HOLD THEM BACK."

The General Strike call was a tremendous impetus to organization and improvement of working conditions, and many unions have taken advantage of present

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Nazi "Peoples Court" Opens; Thaelman, Torgler Come Up

Protest Meetings, Delegations, Increase,
But Fight Must Be Intensified to
Save Leaders

BERLIN, Germany, July 14.—Ernst Thaelmann, the dock worker who is leader of the German working masses, and Torgler, Communist Reichstag leader, at the acquitted on the fire charge, are to be tried for treason at the "Peoples Court" opens.

These new execution courts, created especially for the quick sentencing and killing of those brought before them, were to be given official sanction by the Nazi Reichstag which had been suddenly called by Hitler Friday to give rubberstamp approval of his reign of terror renewed on June 30. The Reichstag was to approve mass executions of all those brought before the "courts" on the framed charges of treason. In addition to Thaelmann, imprisoned leader of the German Communist Party, and Ernst Torgler, acquitted in the Leipzig frameup trial of firing the Reichstag, more than 3000 other Communist and other militant workers, will be sentenced by these tribunals.

The desperation of this continued reign of terror belies the propaganda dispatches sent out of Berlin following Hitler's demagogic appeal to his Reichstag, which stated that he was more firmly in the saddle and more the "popular idol" than ever. Not daring to discuss any economic or political questions, he concentrated on trying to make sure his hand-picked body would approve his murdering a list of Nazi leaders he announced as being only 77. But since the June 30 beginning the reign of terror has continued killing hundreds. The latest is the jailing of 70 Communists in a raid in Konstanz Tuesday.

1500 AT SAN FRANCISCO MEET
SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—As we go to press, the sudden move of Hitler to bring Thael-

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Gallagher Given 25 Days On Contempt In June 1 Frameup

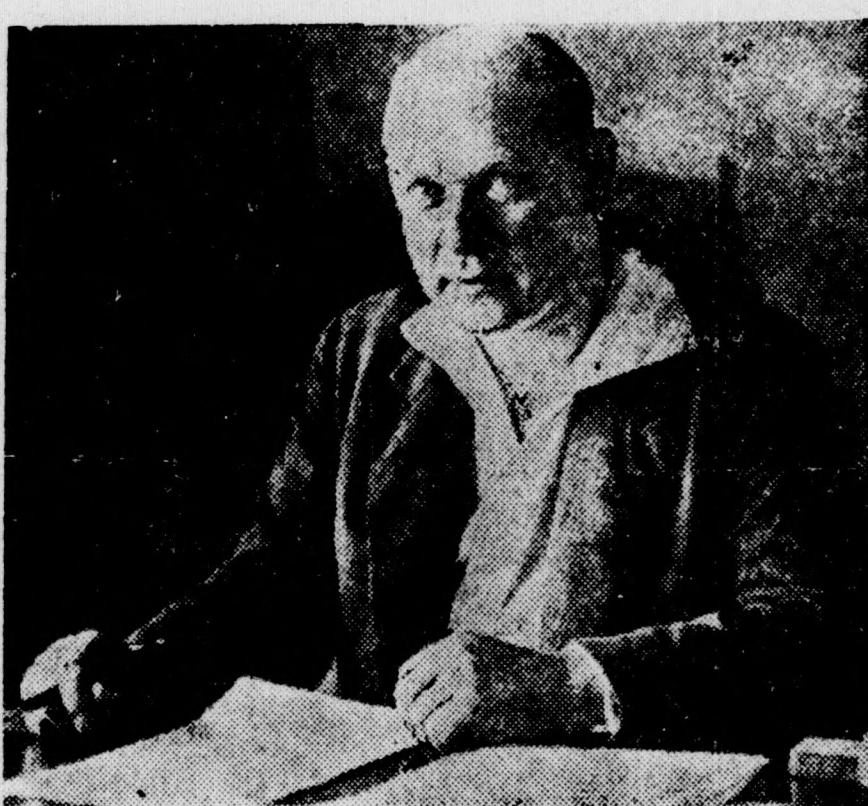
FRANKEL, DEFENDING 3 ON
LEAFLET CHARGES, GETS
SIMILAR SENTENCE.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 13.—Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney for the six workers now on trial here on framed charges arising out of the June 1st demonstration of unemployed, was given 25 days or \$50 for contempt of court on Tuesday. Angered at the obvious co-operation of the judge and the prosecuting attorney in these cases, he told the prosecutor he fled when the latter claimed that questions Gallagher was asking in cross-examination had been asked before.

In another court on Monday, J. Alan Frankel, attorney defending Leo Gallagher, charged with distributing handbills in San Pedro was sentenced on similar spurious charges of contempt of court. Frankel was given 25 days or \$50 fine, the same as Gallagher, and it is evident from the readiness of these attempts to frame defense attorneys as well as defendants that the courts have cast aside all pretense in their efforts to try to break the determination of the workers to win their fights.

Leo Gallagher, well-known thru out the world for his defense of working class prisoners, and endorsed by the Communist Party for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, will be officially sentenced on July 20th at 10 a. m. Judge Arthur Cronin, Div. 5, Hall of Justice, All workers who can come are urged to pack the court. In the meantime protests should be sent at once against the sentence.

Faces Nazi Trial This Week



ERNST THAELMANN, dock worker, leader of the German masses, at head of German C. P. prior to his imprisonment.

Communist Party In Arizona Gets on State Ballot

PARTY WINS LEGAL PLACE IN
STATE ELECTIONS FOR
FIRST TIME.

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 12.—The Communist Party was given formal recognition today and will appear on the primary and general election ballot as a new party. The victory followed an intensive signature collection campaign throughout the state.

After petitions from five counties containing 2,450 signatures were filed with Secretary of State Kerby, the attorney general's office was asked to determine whether the petitions were sufficient to recognize the new party.

The attorney general's office in an opinion by Assistant Attorney General P. H. Brooks, ruled the petitions were legal, if they contained signatures of at least two per cent of the voters who

Communist Party Letter to Legion Hits Recent Ads

AT LEAST 4 POSTS REPUDIATE
ANTI - LABOR PUBLICITY;
WANT TO KNOW WHO PAID

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 13.—Following on the publishing by the American Legion officials of big advertisements in the local capitalist press, attacking the militant workingclass during the maritime workers strike, this letter was sent to the five officials who signed the letter, and to 30 Legion posts in San Francisco and Oakland:

Mr. Harper L. Knowles, American Legion Commander, S. F. County Council; Mr. Stephen M. latesta, Chairman, Citizens Committee; Mr. Homer L. Challaux, Department Commander; Mr. Jas. K. Fisk, Department Adjutant; Mr. Archie M. Closson, Chairman, Department Americanism Commission.

Gentlemen:
"Our attention has been called

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Red Candidates Lead in Fight to Support Strike

DARCY SAYS PARTY MEM-
BERSHIP IN FINE RES-
PONSE TO STRIKE CALL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 14.—Sam Darcy, Communist candidate for Governor, and District Organizer of the California District, speaking of the Party's role in the present strike situation, and for the scores of Communist candidates in California stated:

"Our Party can proudly show the workers of California, that its membership, like disciplined soldiers have answered the call to put all their energy in the fight. In this our candidates, who have been chosen precisely because they have proven their mettle in previous struggles, are taking a lead."

Comrade Darcy, who himself, has been occupied night and day in duties connected with the strike pointed out that our Party organization, no matter if it is in a port city or in the interior, is not exempt from the call. Pat Chambers, candidate for the U. S. Senate, has been addressing many meetings among agricultural workers and coacting strike relief funds. In Hayward the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union called a sympathy strike. Relief coming from numerous farm organizations, unions, clubs and fraternal organizations have been a result of the appeals being made by Red candidates.

Even the candidates now behind the bars are doing their bit. From far off Imperial Valley, Stanley Hancock and other candidates of San Diego among the agricultural strike leaders imprisoned in the desert chain gang have appealed that relief funds and cigarette money being sent to them be given for strike relief.

Archie Brown, State candidate for Treasurer, and Young Communist leader, serving a sentence in San Pedro for speaking at a

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Communist Candidate for Calif. Governor—



SAM DARCY—Speaking at the grave of Comrade Nick Coundorakis (Bordois). He said: "The Party has lost one of its most active workers in this strike. We will build him a great monument—a powerful Communist Party for which he was a tireless worker."

STRIKE BULLETINS

The Municipal R. R. workers decided for a strike to go into effect at midnight Sunday. This makes the tieup of transportation complete. They have disregarded the contract they have with the city designed to prevent them from striking.

Oakland and Alameda carmen voted to strike which ties up the Key System Ferry.

Portland unions are submitting the vote on the General Strike which is overwhelmingly for, and the strike may be declared today. General Hugh Johnson has arrived here.

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Officers Lie About Strikers to Keep Guardsmen In Line

N. G. Fitted For Strike Duty As NRA Introduced

IS PLACED UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL; DISCIPLINE IS BEING TIGHTENED UP.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 12.—The use to which the National Guard is now being put in the strike first began to be prepared for right after the NRA went into effect. From then on there was a noticeable difference in the guard. First it came under Federal control, bringing it closer to the regular army. Then came extra equipment—machine guns, more automatic rifles, and so forth—and for the men, new uniforms for the effect that was hoped to have on the men. Part of the pay cut was restored, and at the same time the discipline was tightened up considerably. The latest move is an increase in men of 850 proposed in this state.

The parade programs were changed. Instead of the old marching formations it became squad wedge formation, extended order, and new combat problems. The men were supposed to report at eight o'clock, but now they were made to come at seven and hear one of the officers lecture on riot duty, gas and so forth. Many of the men did not like this sort of work and quit. But when they missed a number of drills a cop was sent after them with a summons to appear at the Hall of Justice.

I have been in the guard for three years, and conditions were never like that before. The NRA was meant to drive down the living standards of the workingmen. And knowing they would not stand for this, the Guard has been trained to try to crush any resistance on their part. An example of how pleased the bosses are to have the Guardsmen doing this job for them is shown in the fact that the Southern Pacific is paying regular wages to its men now in the Guard on the waterfront. There are about fifteen of them. This regular pay is in addition to the \$2 a day the N. G. pays.

—A Guardsman.

Place Gun Thugs at Modesto Fruit Shed In Fear of Strike

MODESTO, Calif., July 9.—When I was down in the industrial part of this town, I stopped at the Santa Clara Dry Goods owned by Dacardo, and saw several open make shift and weather beaten sheds. Under the largest shed about sixty men, women and children (mostly women) were cutting peaches. In front of the shed was one of the bosses' gun thugs, with his star, gun and black jack and another thug. I asked the foreman why they were there and he said they were afraid of a strike. He said as they are having in San Francisco, afraid the workers would strike.

Most of the workers were Mexicans. They get \$6 a box for cutting cling stone peaches and the men in the yard get 25c an hour. The women said that they made from 80c to \$1.20 for a 10-hour day.

Many were disgusted and one young worker said they are organizing to better their conditions. The heat was terrible under that shed and over one hundred people were working there. In the Modesto Dry Yards were working about 200 people and the conditions were even worse there. The firm of Austin & Sons of Riverbank are paying cutters only 6c a box and the men 25c an hour and the Rumble Dry Yard of Salida pay 6c a box and 20c an hour.

—B. F.

Qualifications Not Considered In Hiring Teachers

BERKELEY, Calif., July 14.—Of the thousands of teachers out of work, those most desperately in need of positions are the ones least likely to secure them. The reason for this is largely that in order to get a job a teacher must have a small fortune to cover the cost of traveling all over to interview principals.

The ranks of those who can afford to do this do not include the inexperienced teacher who has just finished working her way through college, the teachers who have been out of work for years, or teachers who are supporting relatives impoverished by the depression.

In order to get a job, you have to look as though you didn't need it. Your status seems to be based on the exclusiveness of your dress. It is also common knowledge that most positions now are obtained through "pull."

Among the thousands of unemployed teachers, there are plenty who are both well qualified and desperately in need of a position, but the principals do not take the trouble to find this.

—Unemployed Teacher.

"Dirty Business", Writes Guardsman

NEVER DREAMED HE'D BE SENT AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 14.—The following letter, written by a National Guardsman on the waterfront to a friend, speaks for itself of the fact that the officers are using the foulest lies possible as the means by which they keep the men in line:

"Dear . . . We're all still here but practically every one of us wishes we were back home. Most of us would like to see the strikers win, hope they can hold out to win, and hate the idea of turning guns on workers. We realize that we have to work for a living, food and we're often not given a chance to.

"In the face of this situation, they give us plenty of work to whip up our 'morale'. They have us mount machine guns and make an armed fortress of every pier on the front, to make us feel that we're going to withstand an army of 10,000, armed to the teeth. They put us through all sorts of paces to prepare for a mass attack the day of the funeral. Many of the boys must have been surprised to find themselves alive the next day after what the officers told us.

"They try to make us feel that even if some of the workers may be all right by themselves, there are these damned Communists, and bombs explode every time they sneeze. They get some of the boys so worked up with fear of attack that they shoot upper conditions when it's absolutely ridiculous. One sentry shot at a drunken kid, who didn't know enough to stop walking between his car and the barricade while the shooting was going on. Yet the entry kept on shooting, and they had been in a pretty bad state to miss all the time.

"It's a dirty business, all right, and I certainly never dreamed I'd be in this business when I joined the National Guard. Most of the boys feel the same way about it, though they still waver back and forth, scared of attacks and provocations when the old 'morale' is up, and then sore at the dirty job that's been handed to them.

"We're going to have plenty to chew over when we get out of this; even before that. Some of us have gotten so worked up taken in by the firework, more, and most of the boys are talking about this job of ours.

"Wish I could write you some of the details."

Portland's Jobless Winning Fight To Stop Forced Labor

PORTLAND, Ore., July 9.—On June 15 an organizer was called to Fairview to organize an unemployed Council there. Fairview has a population of about 75, two-thirds of whom are on relief. The welfare was trying to force them into the berry fields, and would have succeeded if the unemployed Council had not come along and helped organize the struggle.

At the first meeting, 22 members paid up for two months. A few days later they held their first demonstration, and forced grocery orders to be raised by 50%.

Soon they found out that the secretary had relations in the Portland Welfare and was friendly with the police. At the second demonstration, he was found calling up the Welfare Station, and the Council was friendly with the police. But despite them, the workers won their demands for groceries, milk, rent, and no forced labor. At the next meeting the secretary was kicked out.

The local now has 30 members. Another local, with 20 paid up members, was organized at 2050 S. Taylor St. They have already won several cases. Cully Road Community Club with 20 members has voted to affiliate with the Unemployed Council, and the Beaumont Local has reorganized.

All Portland locals are growing due to the winning the fight against the attempt of the Relief Agencies to put over forced labor in the berry fields.

—Unemployed Council Member.

Brentwood Strike Leader Tells of C&AWIU Growth

OAKLEY, Calif., July 13.—I was at a meeting of the bosses in Brentwood, when the governor, Sheriff and the Supervisors of Contra Costa County spoke. Other big shots also got the floor. The policeman said that he was glad they had good American citizens, and a Federation to break our union and our strike. As a matter of fact, we have 50 more members in the union now than we had before.

—Manuel Bonites.

Utopians Say Aiding Workers' Struggles Is Not Their Program

ANAHEIM, Calif., July 12.—The local Communist Party unit published a leaflet to develop local solidarity with the striking longshoremen at San Pedro. We approached the head of the Utopians in Orange County, Mr. Allen, a motor car salesman, in Fullerton. He refused to cooperate in any way. He said that any participation in the day-by-day struggles of the workers would sidetrack their program. I told him that any organization which pretended to be for the working people but would not help them in actual struggle situations is a false alarm. Working people should join an organization that fights for them tooth and nail at every opportunity—rank and file unions and the Communist Party.

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Foreign News Briefs

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"IF LONGSHOREMEN WIN WE WILL WIN," SAYS L. A. HOSIERY WORKER

Armed Scabs Attack Pickets; Strike Chairman Seriously Beaten

By SHEP MORSE

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 13. Three Mission Knit Hosiery pickets were fired on by a strikebreaker, William Harris, this morning.

Following yesterday's attack the picket line has been doubled. Wives and husbands of the strikers have joined the march.

Bob Becker and Joe Sharsky, Socialist AP of L. leaders of the strike, however, have made no move to influence the movement for a general strike built on solidarity with the marine workers.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 12. After three and a half months of peaceful picketing, 30 unarmed strikers of the Mission Knit Hosiery Mills were greeted this afternoon by the brass knuckles, clubs, pipes, monkey wrenches, and guns of 70 armed scabs and thugs.

That the attack was prearranged and met with the cooperation of the police is borne out by the testimony of pickets and eye-witnesses who state that:

"Five minutes before the attack, an officer drove by, and the plainclothesman Evans of the Red Squad, talked to him and he drove away."

"The police present did not attempt to stop the thugs, but instead shoved the pickets," and Roy Conser, striker, said before he was taken away by the plainclothesman, "I was beaten by Officer Humming."

"Right before the attack the plant was shut down, and the eight-foot gate in the center of the plant which is always kept closed was opened by the time-keeper and rushed the 70 thugs swinging wildly at both the men and women pickets," throwing them to the pavement.

An impartial passerby stated, "It would have been humanly impossible for the ambulance to arrive as soon as it did without having been called off before the trouble started."

Thugs Escorted by Police.

A half hour after the attack a large gang of thugs was escorted by the police out of the plant and past the strikers. The pickets, their ranks now trebled, attempted to follow them up but were stopped by the cops. The scabs are professional strikebreakers from Carolina and Wisconsin.

Lose Faith in National Guard.

When I asked a striker who had worked in the plant for 11 years how the strike was progressing, he told me: "Before the strike the boss used to cry if we couldn't make ten thousand a month. Now the scabs hardly get out 4,000 a month."

"The strike has been in the hands of the National Labor Bd. for two months."

Morale Unbroken.

"Of the 265 that went out on strike," he continued, "only ten have deserted, and one of the ten, Bert Swayer, was linked up with Ernie Walker, the professional strikebreaker, from Philadelphia who last Sunday night shot into a striker's car when there were children around."

"The picket line is on from 6 a. m. to 5:30 p. m."

A woman striker said that on account of the poorer quality of scab hosiery, stores had sent the stockings back and that as a result of a boycott backed by the Central Labor Council and Women's Social Clubs, the Broadway Department Store "will only sell Mission Hosiery on demand."

The most severely wounded in the cowardly attack of the thugs on the pickets, was Joe Sharsky, strike chairman, his head was all bandaged; Martin Hodsall, beaten on the back and shoulder so that he cannot move his left arm, and Gus Cushtinski, who was slugged on the head.

"What do the hosiery strikers think of the Longshoremen's strike?" I asked.

"The strikers think that if the longshoremen win, we, too, will win," he answered.

Communist Candidate Exposes Utopians at Many Mass Meetings

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 12. With the Communist Party taking the initiative, large neighborhood crowds have been attending meetings exposing the fascist and racketeering program of the Utopian Society. The majority of these crowds have been members of the Utopian Society, many of whom have gone away renouncing their memberships.

The largest crowd ever to attend a Pen and Hammer open house in the Cultural Center last Monday night heard Sam Kalish expose the sham of the Utopian economic program.

Dr. James C. Coleman, of the Friends of the Soviet Union, spoke to 150 Monday night in Huntington Park. Sunday night, Clyde Champion, Communist Party congressional candidate in District 18, spoke at the Wilmar open forum, while James Victor Patterson, Communist assembly candidate in District 69, spoke at a recent Sunday afternoon forum at Lancaster and again last night before the City Terrace Women's Council where 75 workers packed the small room to overflowing. He will speak again Sunday night in Huntington Park. Still another meeting will be held Monday night, July 16, at a new open forum in Ocean Park where a representative of the Communist Party will speak.

Portland Workers Increase Drive to Put Party on Ballot

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12.—To intensify the drive for the collection of signatures to place the Communist Party on the ballot in the state of Oregon, the Portland Section of the Party has planned several Red Days. The first was Saturday, July 7th, when Party members and sympathizers from the downtown and near town units mobilized in the downtown section in a concentrated drive to get signatures. On Sunday, neighborhood and outlying units made a house to house canvass in their territories. The Portland Section is also giving prizes to the persons collecting the most signatures beginning from June 14th until the end of the campaign. First prize will be a one-year sub to the Daily Worker, second and third prizes, a set of Lenin's Little Library.

1200 Near Hudson, MWIU Secretary at Stockton Meeting

PROTEST ATTACK OF S. F. POLICE. DEMAND TROOP! WITHDRAWN OFF FRONT

STOCKTON, Calif., July 9.—More than twelve hundred workers crowded Hunter Square here last night to hear Roy Hudson, National Secretary of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, and cheered his call for a general strike in support of the striking maritime workers on the Pacific Coast. The entire membership of the local IWA was present at the meeting and heard Hudson's warning for the strikers to rely only on their own elected committees, and not on fakers who like Ryan only thrust themselves in to the situation to try to sell the strikers out.

A collection of \$13 was contributed, half to be sent to S. F. and the rest for local IWA relief. The crowd was the largest assembled in Hunter Square in many months and, enraged at the attack of police on strikers on "Bloody Thursday" and the calling out of the national guard, unanimously sent off a strong protest to Mayor Rossi and another to Gov. Merriam, the latter demanding withdrawal of the militia from the waterfront.

At the call of the Communist Party, a meeting was held Friday night and over 500, just hearing of the police attack and the troops moving in, sent off protests. A resolution was sent the strikers cheering their defense against the police and promising support.

Zlodi Bros.
Dairy Lunch & Cafeteria
67 Fourth St., cor. Jessie, S. F.

Cooks, Waiters, at L.A. Restaurant Go On Strike for \$2.25

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., July 13.—Forty-two cooks, waiters and waitresses of the fashionable Sardi's Restaurant at 6313 Hollywood Boulevard are on strike and maintaining a moving picket line. Only two workers refused to join the walkout Wednesday evening in demanding an 8-hour day at \$2.25, with no reductions for laundry, breakage, etc.

This afternoon the picketers had reduced the luncheon trade at the restaurant to about 25 per cent of normal.

Scabs are being paid \$7 per day in spite of the unwillingness of the bosses, Branstatter & Covey, to pay regular workers \$2.25.

Branstatter and Covey negotiated treacherously for 2 weeks, promising pay increases and hour reductions, then repudiating their promises.

The workers have been putting in 13 and 14 hours per day, but were paid for only nine, "to comply with the NRA."

"They were charged for laundering uniforms, for breakage and for meals."

"Sometimes we can't eat the stuff they give us and have to buy another meal," said one of the strikers.

For breakage and stolen silverware, said another, "We are being charged twice or three times what the merchandise is worth. We paid 50c for a glass worth a dime. We are charged \$1 for unpaid checks even when they only amount to 10c. Deductions often amount to \$8 or \$9 per week, leaving us to depend almost entirely on tips for wages. And tips are very unpredictable nowadays."

Four culinary AP of L. unions are involved: Waiters, Cooks, Waitresses, and Bartenders.

"General Strike Will Help Us Too," PGE Worker Says

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 9.—Your statement in the last issue of the Western Worker, that the P. G. & E. union voted for a general strike and sent a delegate to the conference last Saturday needs explanation to set the facts straight. Here is what happened:

The union had its regular meeting on the night of "Bloody Thursday" and the I.L.A. president, Johnson, and the secretary came and asked us to protest the police brutality and take some action in support of a general strike. Two resolutions were passed. One protested the police attack and requested it be stopped. Someone from the floor said, "I'm tired of requesting these guys. We've got to demand our rights!" Everybody cheered and so we wrote it "demand."

The other resolution called for full support of the strike, financially and morally. "Do you know what that means?" someone asked, and we all shouted, "Yes, we do!" We all knew of the general strike move and it was plain we were all for it. But nobody seemed to realize that we should have put the actual words "general strike" into that resolution.

As the meeting came to a close, someone asked about sending a delegate to the general strike conference on Saturday and our president answered that the Executive Committee was taking care of it. This was the first time the conference was mentioned, Johnson having omitted it.

Two credential delegates attended Saturday's general strike conference and filed their credentials with the joint strike committee. Since then arrangements have been made to send three P. G. & E. delegates on the joint marine strike committee as

observers until such time as a general strike is called. One of these delegates has already been seated and the other two are expected to be seated by the time this appears.

The Executive Committee of the P. G. & E. union is scheduled to meet tonight for action on the general strike move and to call a special meeting of all five locals, throughout Northern California, on Thursday evening, July 12.

Members For Strike.
Those at the PG & E meeting were for a general strike as much as those at the Saturday conference. But we have not taken the steps necessary to insure it yet. The PG & E workers have as much to gain from a general strike as any workers, even the marine workers who've been working under an open shop for fourteen years. BUT WE'VE HAD IT FOR 20 YEARS.

Harry Bridges pointed out that during the strike the scabbers' unions grew from empty shells to big unions. Well, we're more than an empty shell. We have hundreds of members from the shops in San Francisco alone, but we haven't gotten anything yet because we haven't done any strike. We can build a real fighting union with power and be in a position to win our own demands instead of fielding around with the "American Plan" union-busting Paul Downing, who agrees to talk to our representatives long enough to tell them that he's running the company, we've got to take what he gives us, and that's collective bargaining under the NRA. What we've got to do now is mobilize everyone in the shops immediately prepare to walk out with the rest, and build a real union.

—PG & E Worker

Police Now Urge Whipping Posts For Agitators

LOS GATOS, Calif., July 12.—New ways and means of torturing "radical agitators" was discussed at the monthly meeting of the Bay Counties Peace Officers' association held at the Hotel Lyndon in Los Gatos. The Los Gatos Mail-News of July 5th gives in part the following account of that meeting: "While there was no set discussion, various aspects of the strike situation came up for consideration, and peace officers, especially from the east side of the bay, expressed the opinion that only a whipping post would influence radical agitators. Mere imprisonment, according to those who took part in the discussion, merely makes martyrs of those who are arrested. The whipping post as used in Canada and in some eastern states came up as an example for California." Shades of Hitlerism!

Fight for Release of Worker Framed by Portland Welfare

PORTLAND, Ore., July 14.—Floyd Burgess, held on framed charges of assault and assault and battery on three welfare officials, has been bailed out by the International Labor Defense.

The officials alleged Burgess was one of a committee they claim forced its way into the Lents welfare office through a window after all doors had been locked. Burgess had been forced to feed his wife and five children on four cents a meal, and milk, prescribed by dietitians was denied the Burgess baby.

After more relief had been won for his family, Burgess served on a committee fighting another case. Winter, one of the welfare officials, attacked him and then had him jailed for assault. Bail was set at \$2700. The I.L.D. took up the fight, forced reduction of bail to \$1300 and got him out. They are continuing the fight for dismissal of the charges. Protests against the frame-up should be sent at once to L. Langley, prosecuting attorney, County Court House, Portland.

Pack Courtroom For 2 Facing Vagrancy Frame-up in Valley

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., July 11.—Joe Williams and James Frank will try to get away from Bakersfield Tuesday, July 24. These two workers were arrested in Arvin, where they had gone to look for work. Workers are called to pack the courtroom to hear the framed charges against them.

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Hawthorne Players Stage "Stevedore" at July 4th Show

HAWTHORNE, Calif., July 14.—A genuine start was given the workers' theatre movement of Los Angeles when the Hawthorne Players, mainly Negroes, presented "Stevedore" on July 4th at the Workers' Center. Heretofore, the proletarian theatre has concerned itself with purely agit-prop plays with an occasional excursion into full-length drama.

In "Stevedore" we find workers in a realistic play that actually interprets their own experiences. Here are Negroes experiencing the emotions of their race in the fierce struggle they undergo in the South. This gives the key to the excellent and spirited performance of the Hawthorne Players in that may be termed the best play of Negro struggle yet produced in this country.

This performance was but a prelude to producing the entire play sometime this fall. The last act of the play, which even the bourgeois critics have praised, will then be seen with the very intense scene of the barricade fight of Negroes and whites united against the bosses!

"THE COMMUNIST" Special Strike Struggle issue. Price 20c. The July "Communist" is devoted almost entirely to the strike situation in the country and especially here on the Pacific Coast. In order to fully understand all the conditions leading up to the maritime strike on the west coast and to fully understand the great role of the Communist Party in this strike and other strikes there are a number of fine articles by leaders of the Party in various sections. Of special interest is the article on "The Great West Coast Maritime Strike" by Sam Darcy, district organizer of the Communist Party. Comrade Darcy discusses the problems in developing the movement among the longshoremen, the problem of calling and leading the strike up to the present stage. Above all, the San Francisco Marine strike is a tribute to the correctness of the Party's policy of concentration—the returns for even the considerable effort put in were far greater in revolutionary advance than practically any other activity."

Special Literature for August 1st

As the war clouds thicken, the great mass of the American people want to know more about the true facts of the mass slaughters which took such terrific toll in 1914-18, and the coming war which threatens to be even more destructive. The stand of the militant labor movement towards war is set forth very clearly in the following series of pamphlets which cover the widest range.

"Ready For Defense" by K. E. Voroshilov, price 5 cents.
"Poison Gas and The Coming War" by Donald Cameron, price 5c.
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"The War and The Second International" by V. I. Lenin, price 20c.
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"War in the Far East" by Henry Hall, price 10 cents.
"Yankee Colonies" by Harry Gannes, price 10 cents.

"Democracy and Dictatorship in the Soviet Union" by Anna Louise Strong, price 5 cents. Anna Louise Strong, a veteran American newspaper-woman, and now an editor of Moscow News has spent 12 years in the Soviet Union and understands the problems of the Soviet workers. More than ever people are curious about the new life in the USSR, and particularly the instrument that builds it—the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. Anna Louise Strong's pamphlet shows how workers' democracy thrives under proletarian dictatorship.

"Labor Fact Book, Vol. 2" by Labor Research Association, price 95c. (Indispensable facts and figures about the Navy Deal and every aspect of the labor struggle). Trade association control is described by the research group in an analysis of monopoly development under NRA and the capitalist program for the crisis. In a full discussion of the economic crisis in the United States, of workers' conditions under the NRA and of the agricultural situation, the research association finds that there is little chance under capitalism of a genuine revival of production and employment.

Jeff Goodman.

Cowan of WESL Speaks at West Coast Meetings

HEADED COMMITTEE TO SENATE AND WILL TELL OF ANSWERS TO VETERANS.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., July 10.—C. B. Cowan, ex-Marine war veteran, and one of the organizers and leaders of the 1932 Bonus March to Washington, and the Chairman of the Camp Area Committee of the 1934 Bonus March and Convention at Ft. Hunt, Virginia, is being toured by the National Executive Committee of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League through the three coast states for the purpose of mobilizing the veterans for a greater struggle for the realization of the organization's program, and to build new posts of the organization.

The tour will be used to report on the 1934 conventions and to mobilize the rank and file veterans of all organizations into committees to support the three-point program adopted at the national convention.

This program was worked out and adopted by 1492 delegates of whom many were members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and Spanish War Veterans, and the points are as follows:

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The tour is as follows:

Portland, Ore. July 17.
Olympia, Wash. July 19.
Seattle, Wash. July 21.
Bellingham, Wash. July 23.
San Francisco Aug. 2, 3, 4.
Los Angeles Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9.
Stockton Aug. 11.
Sacramento Aug. 12.

All ex-servicemen are asked to get in touch with their local Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League post and assist them in arranging a successful mass meeting or organizational meeting.

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RE: LABOR FACT BOOK, Vol. 2 (Continued).

In the previous "Facts" column (Western Worker, Vol. 3, No. 28) we quoted extensively from Labor Fact Book, Vol. 2, and we here continue with more facts from the same source:

ON ARMAMENTS.

"Annual additions to armaments are now being increased at a far faster rate than in the period preceding the First World War. For every 100 articles for military use (in France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, U. S. A.) purchased in 1909, 127 were purchased in 1913. But for every 100 articles purchased in 1929, 155 were purchased in 1932."

ANNUAL ARMAMENT EXPENDITURES*

	(Millions of U. S. Dollars)		
	1913	1929	1933
U. S. A.	245	678	663
France	349	384	468
Great Britain	375	557	393
Italy	179	255	264
Germany	463	182	161
Japan	96	253	175

*Source: Burden of Armaments (Foreign Policy Reports, Vol. VII, No. 29) and Johnson's study.

"ME TOO," SAYS NAVY.

"The following table shows the status of navies of the world. (World Almanac, 1934, pp. 929).

	In Operation	Building or Appropriated	Total			
	Ships 1000 tons	Ships 1000 tons	Ships 1000 tons			
U. S. A.	84	709	52	222	136	921
Britain	135	927	50	130	155	1097
Japan	165	656	39	104	205	760
France	128	349	41	135	169	484
Italy	96	262	38	74	134	336

*The budget message, (Roosevelt Administration) January 4, 1934, brought additional information:

"The 1932-33 naval expenditure had been \$350,000,000.

"The 1933-34 naval expenditure would be \$337,000,000. (economy?)

"The 1934-35 naval expenditure would be \$455,000,000. (economy?)

SOURCE OF FUNDS.

"By January 28, the source of this \$455,000,000 had been made clear (New York Times, January 29, 1934):

In the regular appropriation bill	\$286,000,000
Left over from the "economy" measures of April and May, 1933	\$ 23,000,000
P. W. A. Funds	\$141,000,000

GYPPING THE UNEMPLOYED.

"Not only was Roosevelt boosting armament figures to new world highs, thereby pushing the naval race into highest gear, but FUNDS FOR THIS CRIMINAL WASTE WERE BEING STOLEN DIRECTLY FROM THE WORKERS! During the summer of 1933 announcement had been made of a grant of \$238,000,000 to the navy from the Public Works Fund, designed to increase employment.

"Actually only \$25,000,000 of the sum was to be spent in 1933-34 despite the claim of relieving unemployment; \$141,000,000 of the remainder would be spent sometime between July 1, 1934 and June 30, 1935, covering about 75% of the cost of naval construction in that period."

(Owing to the great pressure of work in connection with the present strike struggle, the usual lesson by Comrade Darcy can not appear until next issue).

Workers!! Why do our enemies direct their main fire against the Communists??

BECAUSE, it is the Communist Party which:

- Initiated the General Strike Move;
- Fights All the Sell-Out Maneuvers;
- Is the Most Active Militant Force;
- Has Exposed the Arbitration Humbug;
- Fights for Rank and File Control;
- Calls for General Marine Strike in U. S.;
- Rallied Support to Strikers from the Start;
- Won Seamen to Come Out With Longshoremen!

All these are some of the many reasons for YOU to join the Communist Party. This is the only Party which you can call your own. All the others represent the interests of the same bosses and political machines which have:

- SENT THE NATIONAL GUARD AGAINST YOU!
- THEIR POLICE MURDER WORKERS ON STRIKE!
- FORCED THE STARVATION DEAL UPON YOU!
- ALWAYS MADE FAKE ELECTION PROMISES!

From the very start of the marine strike, the Communist Party and its candidates have rallied all forces at its disposal to develop the splendid solidarity, sacrifice and leadership which all workers have admired in the marine strike.

OUR MEMBERS, BY THEIR OWN ACTIVITY AS AN EXAMPLE HAVE SHOWN HOW A MILITANT MASS PICKET LINE CAN BE EFFECTIVE. EXPOSED RYAN, LEWIS, AND ALL SUCH WHO WANTED TO SELL-OUT THE WORKERS.

The Communist Party many weeks ago saw that a General Strike will be needed to force the shipowners to give in. Vandeleur, Casey, Kidwell and the rest of the Labor Council officials fought against a general strike tooth and nail.

They are part of the same Rossi political machine which has sent police to murder workers! Has not the Union Labor Party of which they are officials always endorsed the city administration slate. This is the reason that the Labor Council refused to adopt a resolution at its last meeting condemning Rossi for the murders.

The Republican, Merriam, sent troops against you. The Democrat, Creel, represents Roosevelt and his Board, which as you know takes the side of the shipowners. He keeps quiet because he hopes to fool you out of your vote.

Sinclair hasn't a word to say on the strike or the murders. He, as Creel, only wants your O. K. as do the others. The Socialist Party, whose chief support has now swung over to Sinclair has not lifted a finger to help the strikers. In the ninth week of the strike their candidate suddenly discovered it and "lends his sympathy".

The only Party you have seen in the ranks of the strikers is the Communist Party. Our Party has proven in deeds that it is the only Party you should join and support.

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In a San Francisco butcher shop, this happened, as customers flocked to buy food before the general strike. "I know you're all out of fresh meat," said a fat lady in her most pleading manner, "but haven't you anything else, even boloney?"

"Not a bit," answered the butcher. "The Committee of 7 is handing all that out."

A couple of workers and a farmer were talking things over on a street corner not long ago. The conversation switched from the United States to Canada and one worker brought up the question of the woman who recently gave birth to quintuplets.

"I'd hate to be in the old man's place," declared one, shaking his head solemnly.

"So would I," agreed the second worker.

"Well," said the farmer, "if that woman had been living in the United States, Secretary Wallace would have made her plow two of them under!"

During the recent attempt to raid the offices of the Western Worker and Workers Bookshop, one of the thugs got inside. Later a comrade was asking one of the "reception committee" about it.

"What did he want—a copy of 'Why Communism'?"

"Nope. As soon as he saw we knew 'What Is To Be Done', the only thing he was interested in was 'The Way Out'."

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"I am praying for the success of the negotiations."

—Archbishop Hanna.

As the general strike approaches, the S. F. News suddenly turns on the tears to slobber over the "dignity of labor." But before they realized the fakers couldn't stop the movement, this same dignified labor was "rioters" and "mobs" and "trouble-makers" with unreasonable demands.

Their new tack proves that while the service stations now have up signs "Closed—Out of Gas", the yellow press still has plenty.

The militia officers in some cases are so dumb they believe the stuff they try to tell their men. As for instance, the armory, where the captain in charge is so scared from concealing the phoney "bomb plots" that he is having his sentries shoot at anyone carrying a suitcase who by accident comes within a block of the place.

Judas is reputed to have sold out for thirty pieces of silver, but the national guardsmen do it for twenty dimes a day.

How well Hitler carried out his threat to suppress the military workers is shown in this story from Germany, about Hitler's own Storm Troops:

Worker: "I joined the Storm Troops the other night."

And how did you find things?

"Well! There were only two Nazis left in the whole company."

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General Strike in the S. F. Bay Area

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demands of their own while on strike.

Fakers Take Office.

Despite the fact that the S. F. Labor Council did not want to officially call the strike, its officials arranged the General Strike conference to be composed of appointed representatives—5 from each local. Through this conference they placed themselves in command, taking all the offices. Vandeleur was made chairman and Kidwell of the Bakery Wagon Drivers, secretary. Although the conference was composed of mostly officials, Harry Bridges, nominated by the militants for vice-chairman was defeated by only a small margin by Deal of the Ferry Boatmen, affiliated with the ISU. Deal insists that his union will not be affected by a strike.

Appointment Committee.

Following the decision to call a strike, Vandeleur appointed a committee of 25. But while he took care to appoint virtually all such as fought the calling of a strike to the bitter end, he would not dare leave off Harry Bridges, militant chairman of the marine strikers.

So raw was the procedure that Vandeleur was forced to agree that this was only a temporary committee and re-elections will be permitted at a conference of all unions on MONDAY AT TEN. There are to be five delegates from each. Unions are to hold meetings and elect them. Such as have not yet taken a strike vote were instructed to do so.

The Communist Party in its statement to the workers, calls for election of militants and not paid officials, so that a strike leadership can be elected such as will not sell out. (See statement on Page One). The indignation of the workers is especially aroused at the brazenness of Vandeleur in appointing McLaughlin, and Casey of the Teamsters on the executive committee, although they were repudiated by their members, and had fought against a strike to the very last.

Rossi—Fascist.

Taking a page from the Seattle Strike, when Mayor Ole Hanson let loose a reign of terror, chiefly aimed at the Communists, Mayor Rossi, in a vicious radio speech yesterday, promised martial law. Five hundred additional police are to be brought in. Governor Merriam apparently representing a political machine at odds with Rossi's insists that Rossi must first request troops before they are sent in, or if martial law is to be extended to the entire city.

Information is leaking out although not yet reliably confirmed, that Chief of Police Quinn is having a hard time to get the 500 additional police as most of these on the eligible list refuse to accept for the dirty business.

That plots are in preparation to frame attacks against Communists, is clear from the wide publicity given to alleged stories of five hundred Communists marching on San Francisco from Seattle and that they "are to blow up bridges on the way."

Another was of a general strike call to all agricultural workers, "to make the food situation more acute." The Communist Party in its statement warned its members and all workers to be careful against these attempts to break the strike through a "red-scare" or provocations into bloody attacks and encouraging dynamiting. These, the Party points out, could only be the acts of evil agents and agents of the Industrial Association.

The lies against the Communists emanate from the same Clarence S. Morrill, of the State Criminal Identification Bureau, who is now notorious for his sensational lies every time there is a struggle in which the Party is active.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 14.—Slowly but surely, Bay Region industry is becoming paralyzed even before the official call for the general strike has been issued, as locals continue pulling their workers out. By Sunday evening unions affecting at least 25,000 workers are scheduled to be out on strike overruling the Central Labor Council's effort to hold them back.

Those in addition to all the maritime workers, now effect the teamsters, butchers and slaughter house workers, all culinary crafts, cleaners and dyers, taxi drivers, laundry workers, ice wagon drivers, machinists, shipyard workers and others.

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The election of the "Strategy Committee" by the Labor Council only succeeded in postponing the general strike call, but the teamsters' coming out was the beginning of an avalanche that literally snowed under the labor fakers of San Francisco.

The Teamsters started the "ball a rolling" in a most dramatic manner, when at their meeting last Wednesday evening they voted unanimously to come out next morning. Casey and McLaughlin, old fakers, who have dominated them for years, threatened them with loss of \$10.00 a week benefits, that sympathy strikes are not constitutional, but of no avail. The men denounced them in a most unceremonious manner. Although the officials did everything in their power to prevent Bridges' appearance at the meeting, the demand of the workers finally gained admission for him and he was met with a tremendous ovation.

When the workers filed out of the meeting they were met by hundreds of longshoremen and seamen, waiting outside, and the most unusual scenes of solidarity, embracing and cheering occurred.

Following the coming out of the teamsters, the Taxi Drivers after hearing a stirring speech by Bridges on Thursday evening, came out as one at five next morning. Wholesale butchers followed, retail butchers and the rest.

Every Union For.

Since its election the so-called "Strategy Committee of 7" tried every possible scheme of delay in the strike, but when they lost control of the situation, called a meeting of representatives of all unions on Friday afternoon. The result of the meeting was only to postpone action to the next day, Saturday morning, at which time a conference with five from each union was scheduled to decide finally. Since not a single union voted against the general strike, there was no doubt about the result. However the conference was composed of delegates, mostly of local executive committee members, as there was no possibility for local unions to arrange meetings over night.

The Labor Council at its meeting on Friday, refused to take definite action on the calling of a strike, but left it in the hands of the meeting called next morning. The Council did not dare to flatly refuse to call a general strike, stating however that "it will co-operate in bringing about peace."

Green Wires.

A telegram from Wm. Green, president of the American Federation of Labor was read at the Council, in which he warns against the calling of a General Strike, and that it is against the constitution of the AF of L for Central Labor Councils to call any strikes. He further warned that the council must "neither countenance nor favor" such a strike. Similar strikebreaking telegrams were sent to the other Labor Councils on the Coast. But while the old reactionaries used the ruling to assist them in stalling or disorganizing the general strike movement, the union members paid no attention to it, as is evident by reports of delegates.

Typical of the attitude among the rank and file towards the Labor Council was the report of the delegate of the ice wagon drivers, who said "We held a meeting and voted for a General Strike, which called by the Labor Council. But then they are traveling fast, so we held another meeting Thursday and decided to abide by the Strategy Committee, but we are STRIKING TOMORROW NIGHT."

Delegates of culinary unions embracing 5,000 workers were elected to the restaurants which are considered fair after Sunday, as they are all going out. The Laundry workers with 1200 members reported coming out Saturday. Laundry drivers are likewise coming out. In all, unions with a membership of ten, they said more reported coming out before Monday.

The auto mechanics seemed to have touched the spirit now prevailing among the workers in the city, reporting that they are for a general strike, and since in a general strike workers of a strike committee will have to police the city, they offer their services free for any mechanical repairs which will be needed on workers' police cars.

The Labor Council showed its hand at an earlier stage of the meeting last Friday, when a resolution proposed by the Marine strikers came before it. The resolution called for a condemnation of Mayor Rossi as responsible for the murders on "Bloody Thursday". Immediately all the officials of the Council and the members of the now called "Strategy Committee" took the floor for an amendment to refuse to hear the resolution.

One delegate pointed out that in the Council it is a tradition that referring means pigeon-holing it. The arguments of the fakers were chiefly that "you can't call a man a murderer before you give him a hearing." Kidwell argued that it will hurt civil service favors from the administration. Among the most ardent to refer were such as Haggerty, who works for the city.

The few progressive-minded delegates in the Council took the floor and pointed out that a week before a similar resolution condemning Merriam was adopted, although the Governor was not present, yet Rossi who was even more directly involved in the murders, was doubted. But there was little use trying to convince the old reactionary machine and

An Army and a Fortress

By RONALD COOLEY

(EDITORIAL NOTE: Comrade Cooley in taking the job of circulation manager swears he can build a great army of Western Worker builders in the district. He will conduct this column and watch his smoke. Our advice is that the readers and agents get real busy, so he will make good his promise and incidentally we will build a MASS SEMI-WEEKLY WESTERN WORKER.)

Mr. John R. Quinn has said, "There is danger of California becoming an impregnable fortress of Communism."

Exactly! Only Mr. Quinn did not cover enough territory. There are going to be forty-eight "impregnable fortresses" of Communism in this country. And the hard-plugging comrades who sell the WESTERN WORKER, the workers who subscribe, the sympathizers who donate funds, are all part of the great army that is mixing the mortar and laying the bricks for that fortress.

5 battalions of the WESTERN WORKER ARMY have increased their bundle orders this week:

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Sacramento 50

Livingston 5

Little San Mateo is evidently plugging the hardest; and the Livingston comrades deserves honorable mention.

How about subs? Comrades who are wondering where they'll find the time to sell their bundles twice a week must realize that a drive for subscriptions is the best method of keeping their regular customers as readers.

Los Angeles sent in 63 subs this week. Can you do it again, L. A.?

Since San Bernardino had its bundle stopped for non-payment of bill Comrade Partridge of that sleepy battalion has sent in 9 subs. See if you can wake up the rest of San B. Partridge, and get them to do as good.

Comrade O'tourke of San Jose has sent in two subs.

More effort must be used to get workers to subscribe. A great number of the subs coming in are sent by the subscribers themselves. We have an opportunity to double or treble our circulation, if we just go after it.

How many comrades are going after subs among the longshoremen, the teamsters, etc.?

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Send in your greeting to this new advance of the working class movement in the west. Greeting lists have been sent to all sections to help raise the guarantee fund! Individuals, organizations, shop and farm groups—send in your greetings to your paper! All greetings must be in by July 26.

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ANTI-WAR ARTICLES FOR AUGUST FIRST

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the amendment was carried.

Many remarks were heard among the workers jamming the rear of the hall, that they would not do a thing which may hurt the Rossi political machine which the Council officials endorsed.

Since the Teamsters came out, the city was gradually preparing for the General Strike, with only the rich complaining of any "inconvenience". But it is the same rich who have precautioned adequate food and other supplies for themselves or left town. Housewives of workers have been buying as much as possible but many living from hand to mouth could not do so. A strike committee according to the Communist Party's statement, which seriously wants to win the fight, will organize a proper distribution of food without discrimination, and stop all profiteering.

The capitalist press has devoted its chief publicity to whipping up a food shortage scare, hoping in that way to confuse many and win them against the strikers. But the spirit of almost the entire population as reported from neighborhoods is remarkable and is 100% behind the strikers, considering the inconvenience will be nothing compared to the issues at stake.

Arizona on Ballot

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balloted for governor in 1932. Under this provision 2,380 signatures were required.

The Campaign Committee of the Communist Party has announced an energetic state-wide election campaign will be conducted.

Four parties are now qualified to appear on the ballot. These are, in order that they will appear on the printed ballot: Democratic, Republican, Communist and Socialist.

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ANTI-WAR ARTICLES FOR AUGUST FIRST

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the amendment was carried.

Many remarks were heard among the workers jamming the rear of the hall, that they would not do a thing which may hurt the Rossi political machine which the Council officials endorsed.

Since the Teamsters came out, the city was gradually preparing for the General Strike, with only the rich complaining of any "inconvenience". But it is the same rich who have precautioned adequate food and other supplies for themselves or left town. Housewives of workers have been buying as much as possible but many living from hand to mouth could not do so. A strike committee according to the Communist Party's statement, which seriously wants to win the fight, will organize a proper distribution of food without discrimination, and stop all profiteering.

The capitalist press has devoted its chief publicity to whipping up a food shortage scare, hoping in that way to confuse many and win them against the strikers. But the spirit of almost the entire population as reported from neighborhoods is remarkable and is 100% behind the strikers, considering the inconvenience will be nothing compared to the issues at stake.

Arizona on Ballot

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balloted for governor in 1932. Under this provision 2,380 signatures were required.

The Campaign Committee of the Communist Party has announced an energetic state-wide election campaign will be conducted.

Four parties are now qualified to appear on the ballot. These are, in order that they will appear on the printed ballot: Democratic, Republican, Communist and Socialist.

Hudson Pedro Meet

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800 at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 12.—Roy Hudson, national secretary of the MWIU spoke last night to an enthusiastic audience of eight hundred workers at the Cultural Center, analyzing the Pacific coast maritime strike from its beginning to its present phases.

Discussing recent developments in the maritime strike, Hudson stressed the necessity for the working class as a whole to support the struggle of the marine workers, and called on all the trade unionists to agitate within their locals for a general strike, knowing that sufficient pressure from the rank and file can force a general strike in spite of the officials in the reactionary unions.

Hudson will return to the East immediately where he will continue to direct efforts of the MWIU and work for cooperation of the AF of L marine unions in calling the East coast on strike in support of the Pacific coast marine workers.

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Vote Communist!

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meeting, writes:

"The Young Communist League and all its supporters, should throw in everything for winning this struggle, and direct especial efforts among the many young workers. The labor bureaucrats will not get them out. It's up to our League to instill that militant spirit of solidarity among the youth which will make the strike complete."

As the fight of the workers, begun by the maritime workers, becomes a general strike in this area and spreads to other sections, it becomes more and more clear that of all candidates listed in the coming election only the Communists stand upon the side are either against it or silent.

A typical example is that of the three candidates running for Congressman from the 4th District, Florence Kahn, reactionary and leader in the increasing of war preparations here, when questioned on her stand on the general strike said: "It's too delicate a question. I don't want to be quoted. Let us leave it to the Arbitration Board."

Edward Levy, running under the slogan "Put a worker in office," showed how much he cares for the workers, by declaring, "I am most emphatically against the general strike."

Minnie Carson, Communist candidate opposing them, declared at the Thaelmann protest meeting Tuesday that only a General Strike can win and urged all the workers to join it.

Editorial Column

Green's Strikebreaking Role

During nine weeks of bitter struggle along the entire west coast, William Green, president of the AF of L was asleep. He made no effort to organize any relief collection for the marine strikers—the shock troops of American labor. He had nothing to say about the fact that the shipowners refused to even meet the seamen.

But he woke up when talk for a general strike became stronger. He sent telegrams to all coast Labor Councils warning against the calling of a General Strike, because it is not in accord with the constitution of the AF of L to do so. That not even any support be given to such a strike. This is the telegram which was read at the last meeting of the S. F. Labor Council.

But as much as Vandeleur, Casey, Kidwell & Co. tried to hold off a strike, they were snowed under by the overwhelming vote in every union. At the very meeting where the telegram was read, UNIONS HAVING A MEMBERSHIP OF 10,000 IN ADDITION TO THOSE ON STRIKE, REPORTED A DECISION TO GO OUT ANYWAY. These reactionaries could not sweep back the tide. So they technically shifted responsibility for the calling of the General Strike to a conference of appointed representatives.

BUT DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD HAND THE CONDUCT OF THE STRIKE OVER TO THE PEOPLE ACTUALLY IN FAVOR OF IT? Not if you know our labor leaders. In fact the very ones who fought the strike most bitterly took command, and THEY STILL REMAIN UNDER GREEN'S ORDERS TO BREAK IT, AND NOT MAKE IT 100% EFFECTIVE.

This is Green's work. Contrast this to the work of the militant unions through the Trade Union Unity League and the Central Committee of the Communist Party. These have called upon their members in all Eastern and Gulf ports to organize a sympathy strike, and not handle any scab cargo. These are conducting a nation-wide campaign for relief collection. It is through their efforts that the government authorities on the coast have been showered with a flood of protests against the murders.

WHY NO ARBITRATION?

One of the most remarkable features in the marine strike, is that for nine weeks the workers have been holding out determined not to fall for arbitration.

THEY HAVE LEARNED THAT IN ARBITRATION THE CARDS ARE STACKED AGAINST THEM.

Many of the workers on strike still express confidence in President Roosevelt, but fight to the hilt against his Board deciding the fate of the strike demands. The fact is that the workers have learned through bitter experience that in virtually all cases an arbitration award may give workers a small concession while on all basic questions it is the bosses who are upheld. The workers are learning the simple lesson that there is no such thing as a "third disinterested party". Every person living is definitely associated either with the interests of the shipowners or the workers.

The first Roosevelt Commission, even on the first day of the strike, through its chairman, announced that if necessary, cargo will be moved with the aid of troops. Roosevelt discharged that Board because it was so thoroughly exposed before the workers. BUT THE POLICY OF THAT BOARD IS IN FULL FORCE NOW.

The Board headed by Archbishop Hanna has also taken sides with the shipowners, because of its insistence that everything be submitted to arbitration. Their entire effort has been to convince the workers to give in. THE GREAT DEAL OF PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE SHIPOWNERS AGREEMENT TO TAKE ARBITRATION IS ONLY AN ACE IN THE HOLE. They held that back so as to appear as if they too are giving a "concession".

Why should the workers submit to arbitration? Has not the Board already suggested that the June 16th agreement be accepted, and that the ILA and Shipowners alternate dispatchers in the hall? This has already been rejected by the men.

The fact is that the Roosevelt administration through the NRA and the recent labor act has established an apparatus based on the conception that "labor's and capital's interest are in common", and could be "adjusted" through the channels being prescribed by the government. This in many cases proved a good scheme for disarming the workers, taking away the only weapon they have—the strike. In the meantime the corporations have been coining the highest profits since 1930.

THIS IS REALLY THE PROGRAM OF THE ROOSEVELT ADMINISTRATION AND NO WORKERS COULD CONSISTENTLY FIGHT STARVATION AND STILL BACK THE "NEW DEAL".

Roosevelt is personally in touch with his Board here and he directs it in all its moves.

But the workers are seeing through this clever arrangement, and refuse to fall for it. The strike has taught them that the government is not a "disinterested" body, but is the police force in the hands of the employers. Among the many lessons for American labor from the great western strike, is to beware of the arbitration gyp.

STRIKERS! BEWARE! ROOSEVELT IS COMING HERE TO PERSONALLY PUT OVER ARBITRATION! DON'T LET HIM SUCCEED.

Challenge Legion

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to the advertisements in the daily papers of San Francisco under the name of the American Legion. These advertisements appeared under date of July 5th and 7th and were signed by the Department and County Officials of the American Legion. These ads, which we assume were the official acts of our State and County Officials and paid by the Legion, were direct attacks on the Communist Party, which is a legally authorized political party in this State.

Ex-servicemen in our organizations, among them a number of Legionnaires, have called our attention to the well-known policy of the Legion to maintain neutrality in all political matters, and labor and industrial controversies. How then, do you and we account for this inconsistent position?

"We are certain that a good many of your members, though undoubtedly sincere, are under a misapprehension concerning the purpose and activities of the Communist Party. We would therefore like to have an opportunity to have our representatives appear before your posts, and explain what our program is, and answer any questions your members may care to ask."

"We would very much appreciate the ex-servicemen in our organizations and other organizations, the position of the American Legion."

"Yours truly,
District Committee of U. S. A.,
District No. 13, California.
The County Council of the Legion on Wednesday night or

M. W. I. U. Leads Fight to Call Out East Coast



Mass meeting called on New York docks by the Marine Workers Industrial Union when the S. S. Virginia came in. Longshoremen were urged not to touch her, but to support the West Coast strikers by tying up the Atlantic coast ports also.

TIMES CHANGE; PEOPLE CHANGE

By CARLITOS

It happened in the days when the K. K. K. was flourishing and the I. W. W. was petering out. There was a small railroad construction job near a Central California town. The workers struck. Among other things, they wanted a dollar a day more. Jackson, a wobbly, became the leader.

The strikers all had some money and they camped along the creek. Men, who unknowingly came to scab, joined them. Others were successfully discouraged. A number of times, deputy sheriffs swooped down upon the camp. They drove the strikers out and shot holes through their cooking utensils. The men always came back.

They arrested Jackson on a vagrancy charge and kept him in jail two days. He was released late in the evening and was ordered to leave the county. He felt instinctively that something was wrong and he asked to remain in jail until morning. They drove him out.

On the street, a gang of men pounced upon him. They flung him into a machine, stifled his outcries, blindfolded him and he was transported about ten miles to a deserted thicket. Here, his five captors, rigged in the regalia of the K. K. K., beat him unmercifully with clubs and whips. When he lost consciousness, they waited till he came to and they beat him again. When they were satisfied that he was a bleeding mass, they warned him to get out of the

region or they would treat him even worse. As they were leaving, one of them said: "Next time we see you around these parts, we'll kill you!"

It was in the late spring, and Jackson lay a long time on the damp ground, groaning. He struggled to his feet a few times, but every time he was overcome by nausea. He vomited painfully and he did not have enough strength to drag himself away. Toward morning, he was found by a searching party of the strikers. Somebody had witnessed the abduction and the word had got around.

They washed him at the creek and asked questions. Yes, he was pretty sure he knew two of the floggers. One was the superintendent of the job, and the other, a well-to-do farmer by the name of Marshall. Jackson had worked for Marshall the year before, in the haying season, and he knew his voice well. It was Marshall who had threatened to kill him when they had left. Somebody suggested that they try to get a warrant for the two. It was

laughed down on the ground that, without question, they would be able to supply iron-clad alibis. Jackson was taken to Sacramento that morning and given medical care.

There isn't much more to be said about the strike, except that it was a partial victory. The men won better food and an increase of 50¢ a day.

The years rolled by and 1934 came. Farmer Marshall was no longer well-to-do. The bank with

its interest, the state with its taxes, the railroad with its high rates, and the food brokers with their low prices, encroached upon everything he had. There remained a small parcel of land and that was mortgaged. With every change in his economic status, had come a change in his ideas. The K. K. K. was a thing of the dim past. Every year of the crisis carried him farther and farther to the left. He finally joined the United Farmers League. The step was not an easy one. It was the reading of the Communist Bill for the farmers that clinched him. "That's exactly what we need," he said.

His local took up the question of helping the marine workers who were on strike in the ports. It was decided to collect food for them. Arrangements were made to have a truck come from San Francisco. The provisions were gathered in a shack on Marshall's place, he being right in the main highway.

The truck arrived about noon. There were four men in denim and khaki. They were greeted by a gangling youngster. "You men from Frisco?" His eyes glinted. "You fellows are sure putting up some fight. Drive over to that shack there and I'll get Dad." While they were driving over, a woman came out of the house and waved her hand.

Marshall arrived, examined their credentials and stared perplexedly at their leader. Then he told his wife to fix up a snack and sent his son to round up some of the neighboring farmers, so that they could have a

pow-wow with the strikers.

The men started to load the truck with sacks and cases of vegetables and fruits. The leader took Marshall aside. "Well, Marshall! I think you know who I am."

"Yes, I remember you. You're Jackson."

"Remember what you told me last time we met?"

There was a silence and Jackson continued: "You said you'd kill me next time I came back to these parts."

"That was a long time ago," Marshall said slowly. "A lot of water's flowed under the bridge since then."

"And a lot of blood," countered Jackson.

"Yes," Marshall agreed, "and a lot of blood."

"Pretty hard to forget a thing like that," said Jackson.

"I feel terribly ashamed every time I think of it," Marshall said.

"Two or three times I was on the point of coming down here and putting a bullet through you."

"I guess you'd have been justified," declared Marshall.

There was another silence. Then the farmer said earnestly: "I want you to shake hands with me, Jackson, and try to forgive me. I know it's hard, but things are different now, and all us poor people are fighting the same enemy. Times change and people change, too."

They stared at each other a moment and shook hands. Then they went to help the others load the truck.

HONOLULU, T. H., July 9.—Hawaii, the boasted "Paradise of the Pacific," which Roosevelt soon will visit, is in reality a hell-hole of slavery.

When the islands were first settled by the white Christian capitalists and missionaries, the native population was 120,000. Now there are not 20,000 left, due to the slavery, starvation, tuberculosis and social diseases that are an integral part of imperialist invasion. Their happy, healthy life was soon destroyed by 12 to 14 hours work under a lash on the plantations.

Later the Christian bosses began to import Chinese, Porto Ricans and Filipinos under indentured slavery. Some of the contracts were indentured as low as \$3 a month. This form of indentured slavery exists.

Today Filipino sign indentured contracts with the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association to work a term of three years with transportation paid to and from the Philippines by the association.

The H. S. P. A. recruits these men through circulars distributed in the backward parts of the Philippines, with the grossest misrepresentations of living and working conditions in Hawaii. They specify that laborers will receive 40 pesos for a month of 26 days with free prerequisites, for which the value is greatly overdrawn. The circulars also compare the wages paid in Hawaii to those paid skilled workmen in Manila. For example, monthly wages in Manila for a baker is 18 pesos, a foundry worker 30 pesos, a ropemaker 45 pesos. (A peso is fifty cents American).

Porty pesos in the Philippines enables the worker to get by fairly comfortably under native conditions.

7 Times Higher in Hawaii.

A man from the inland knows that he can buy chickens at 25 centavos, rice 2 centavos a pound, bananas 2 centavos, beef 10 centavos a pound. He figures that he can accumulate a small fortune with which to return home and live in comfort for many years.

When he arrives in Hawaii, he finds the smallest chickens are \$1 each, rice instead of 1¢ a pound is \$7 a 100 pound sack, beef 35¢ a pound instead of 5¢, and pork 50¢ a pound. His glit-

terling prospects are smashed by the reality of inflated and exorbitant prices. After a few months of struggle on "\$1 a day" he is ready to revolt.

Then he discovers that his contract with the H. S. P. A. is invalid because the association is not incorporated and has no legal status. He is stranded in the Hawaiian Islands without a chance to ever get enough to go home. Blackbirding days are not over by a long way.

One Porto Rican worker tells of laboring 21 years for the Wailua Agricultural Co., and still owing them \$500. In the last few years his wife and children have added their labor but even together they are unable to pay back the initial cost of transportation.

Company Scrip.

To company forces the workers to company scrip—fourths of their pay in their store, where prices are 30% higher than elsewhere. Attempts of the workers to buy from mail order houses in the States were stopped by the company paying only in their own scrip. And the workers had to mail order goods into Hawaii is proposed.

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dent of the Filipino Labor Federation, a union of Filipino plantation workers. The initial cost of membership in this union is \$5.00 with no other dues.

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S. P. MEMBERS! JOIN THE FIGHT

To the members of the Socialist Party—

Dear Comrades: Mlen Dempster, your candidate for governor, has finally taken "official" notice of the fact that there is a strike. He has been forced to do this—forced by the disgust and questions of the rank-and-file Socialists at the isolated role of the Socialist Party.

Dempster's part in the waterfront struggle consists of one leaflet, issued on yellow paper. He calls upon the bourgeois gubernatorial candidates to join him in a protest against calling the militia and upon Merriam to refuse the use of state property to shippers in Los Angeles—in order to end the "unfair advantage over northern citizens", which, he says, the Los Angeles ship owners enjoy.

Then, he concludes by saying, "I tell the workers in advance that I am on their side. What reason do the workers have to believe him? Neither Dempster, nor any other Socialist 'leader', has taken any part in these strike struggles, and they have tried to keep the Socialist rank-and-file far from the scene of battle."

Comrades, we know that the sincere workers in the Socialist Party want to enter this strike, and help it. Why have your leaders not mobilized you? Why does your party sit quietly, with hands folded?

The Communist Party, in its leadership in the marine strike, has activated every Party member to support the workers. We have shown the unemployed why they should not scab, we have organized Negro workers, gathered strike relief, defended the jailed and framed-up workers, protested police brutality. Our Western Worker has been the only mouthpiece of the strikers.

Our role in the struggle can be measured by the hundreds of our members who have been jailed and wounded, or by the red-scare campaign put on by the bosses in an attempt to stem the growing support for Communism.

Only since we left the Socialists, disgusted with their reactionary squabbles and lack of revolutionary activity, have we found out what it means to take a day to day part in the class struggle. And now the Com-

munist Party has won the confidence of the workers. We don't have to tell them that we are on their side. They have seen our members jailed, wounded, killed, while fighting with them. They have seen, by the vicious red scare, that it is only the Communists whom the bosses fear.

Why don't your leaders mobilize you for action? Why do they try to take all the "credit" themselves for being "for" the workers? Because, comrades, they know that as soon as you are actually drawn into struggle, the illusion through which they hold you to the Socialist party will be shattered, you will see the correctness and the necessity of the Communist militant tactics and program. You will see that the bosses who send out National Guardsmen and thugs to shoot the workers will never "peacefully" surrender power.

Your leaders talk vaguely of fighting Fascism. But they don't lead you into the fight against Fascism on the waterfront. It is because they hold you back in the face of the bosses' attack, trying to prevent you from fighting with the workers, that we call them "Social Fascists".

Your leaders talk of the "left" resolution of the Detroit convention, but they content themselves by writing letters. A "radical" resolution must be a basis for activity. Your leaders are trying to substitute phraseology for action, because they know that you are getting tired of the old

line, and are ready to come where you belong—into the Communist Party.

While we are daily growing stronger, winning recruits from the battle lines of struggle, the Socialists are splitting up into tiny sects and factions. A large section of the party has set up a separate office in New York, working for the defeat of the "left" resolution. Another section, led by the Ohio party, is going outright Fascist.

Stitt Wilson, in California, was charged six months ago by rank-and-file Socialists of maneuverings with the Democrats. This he then denounced as a lie. Today the truth of it is clear. Wilson has now joined the Democratic party, supporting and campaigning for Upton Sinclair thru out the state. E. Backus, leading San Francisco Socialist, is only one of many who have joined the openly Fascist "Utopian Society".

This is what happens when a show-down comes. Wilson runs to the Democrats, Backus signs up with the Fascists, Dempster sits in his office and dictates letters—but thousands of militant, class-conscious workers go onto the picket lines, into the struggle, and into the Communist Party as the recognized leader of the workers.

We are only a few of the hundreds who have left the Socialist Party of California in the last six months, and we know that there are many still left—many sincere workers, who do not belong under the curb of Dempster and Thomas. They belong in the revolutionary Communist Party.

Comrades, we appeal to you to join in the struggles. Get a committee, go to the local section of the Communist Party. We can reach a basis for real united action. Don't wait for permission. The bosses and the Fascists don't wait. We ask you to join us in action. We know that if you take part in the struggle with us you will realize that we are the only party of the workers.

A Group of Former Members of the Socialist Party.

San Diego Women Prepare Fight On War and Fascism

SAN DIEGO, Calif., July 10.—On July 5th an enlarged meeting of the San Diego section of the American League Against War and Fascism, with nine new members, was held, and plans laid to call a mass meeting to develop an active campaign. Mrs. Ruby Thayer, Secretary, of 3616 46th Street, sent out a call to all women to join the League and its struggles against War and Fascism.